(*c*) Eleven.

(*d*) They were given necessary medical aid at the Anthikkad Hospital. Three pupils were treated for about 2½ months. The others were treated for periods varying from 2 to 15 days.

(*e*) Yes; the grant of the school was suspended until further orders. The Manager was asked to close down the school until the building was properly reconstructed and necessary fitness certificate produced from the Public Works Department. The Manager was also ordered to be prosecuted for criminal negligence and the prosecution is proceeding.

(*f*) Yes; the school was reopened on production of fitness certificate for the building from the Public Works Department.

(*g*) Yes; there was one petition.

(*h*) A copy of the petition is placed on the table.*

Mr. A. Eachara Menon *(Chittur-Rural):* Why were they treated for 2½ months?

Mr. President : Order, Order. It is *sub-judice.*

K. N. PADMANABHAN—PUPIL OF CHERAI HIGH SCHOOL—ALLEGED ASSAULT ON

17. Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether the Director of Public Instruction did receive any petition, dated 15th Mithunam 1115, from K. N. Padmanabhan, student, Form VI, Ramavarma Union High School, Cherai, alleging among other things that a teacher of the Lower Secondary Schools Edavanakad, assaulted him on 15th Mithunam 1115;

(*b*) whether a petition containing the very same allegations, dated 15th Karkadagam 1115 was received in the Huzur Secretariat;

(*c*) if answer to (*a*) or (*b*) is in the affirmative, what were the allegations and against whom;

(*d*) whether any enquiry was made into the allegations;

(*e*) what was the result of the enquiry?

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Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction):*

(*a*) A petition, dated 15th Mithunam 1115, from K. N. Padmanabhan, pupil, Form VI B, Ramavarma Union High School, Cherai, to the effect that Mr. C. Kumara Panikkar, Headmaster, Lower Secondary School, Edavanakad, tried to assault him criminally on 13th Mithunam 1115, was received by the Director.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) The allegations were (1) that Mr. C. Kumara Panikkar tried to assault the pupil criminally, (2) that the coffee cup and the umbrella which he had taken with him when going to Mr. Panikkar's room on 13th Mithunam 1115 were not returned to him on representation the next day and (3) that the said Mr. Panikkar abused the pupil very much when he was approached to deliver the coffee cup and the umbrella and that he even tried to beat him.

(*d*) Yes.

(*e*) The complaints were not proved on enquiry.

ST. THOMAS' COLLEGE—ADMISSION OF LADY STUDENTS—CONDITIONS FOR

18. Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether the Government has noted in the papers about the mention by the Trichur Municipality in their civic address presented to Rt. Rev. Mgr. John Palocaren, Principal of the St. Thomas' College, Trichur, of the necessity to admit lady students in the St. Thomas' College or to have a Girls' section in that College;

(*b*) whether they have noted in the reply of Rt. Rev. Palocaren to the above mentioned address that he will move the management of the College to open a Girls' section, provided the Government hands over to the St. Thomas' College the present Syrian Girls' School building and premises;

(*c*) whether the Government has any objection to offer the building and premises of the school referred to in (*b*) to the management of the St. Thomas' College on condition that they will open the College for lady students also?

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